

## **REMARKS**

This paper is responsive to an Office Action mailed January 17, 2007. Prior to this response, claims 1-24 were pending. After amending claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-11, 15-17, and 22, claims 1-24 remain pending.

The Office Action objects to the drawings. In response, 6 sheets of Replacement drawings are enclosed.

The Office Action objects to claims 1-24. In response, claims 1-2, 9, 11, and 22 have been amended to remove the parentheses.

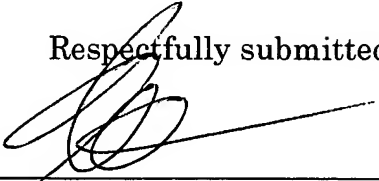
Claims 5 has been amended so that it no longer depends from claim 4, and claim 6 has been amended so that it no longer depends from claim 5. Claim 16 has been amended so that it no longer depends from claim 15, and claim 17 has been amended so that it no longer depends from claim 16.

The Office Action states that claims 1-24 are allowed, once the above-mentioned objections are overcome. Note: the Applicant neither expressly agrees nor disagrees with the stated reasons for allowance.

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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